

ORDER NO. 2481

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Products Price Changes
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2015-33

ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL MAIL CLASSIFICATION CHANGES
FOR COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

(Issued May 13, 2015)

On January 26, 2015, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission concerning changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products.¹ On February 25, 2015, the Commission approved the proposed price adjustments and mail classification changes for competitive products and attached applicable revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) (Attachment).² However, the Commission deferred implementation of certain proposed mail classification changes that originated in Docket

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products Established in Governors' Decision No. 14-5, January 26, 2015.

² Order Approving Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, February 25, 2015 (Order No. 2366).

No. R2015-4 until such time as the Commission issued its final decision in that docket.³ The proposed mail classification changes included the addition of Special Handling to the list of Ancillary Services available for Priority Mail Express and the removal of Restricted Delivery from the list of Ancillary Services available for Priority Mail, Parcel Select, First-Class Package Service, and Standard Post. The changes also included removal of Inbound International Return Receipt (IIRR) service and revisions to Outbound International Return Receipt (OIRR) service. Order No. 2366 at 7 n.12, 10-11.

On March 10, 2015, in Docket No. R2015-4, the Commission approved the proposed mail classification changes for Special Services, including the changes related to Special Handling and Restricted Delivery.⁴ However, the removal of IIRR and revisions to OIRR were not approved. *Id.*

Pursuant to Order Nos. 2366 and 2388, the Postal Service's proposed mail classification changes in Docket No. CP2015-33 concerning Special Handling and Restricted Delivery are approved and the removal of IIRR and revisions to OIRR are not approved. As discussed in the body of this Order and indicated in the MCS language following the signature of this Order, the proposed mail classification changes concerning Special Handling and Restricted Delivery will be incorporated into the MCS and implemented May 31, 2015.⁵

³ Order No. 2366 at 10-11, 13; see *also* Docket No. R2015-4, United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment, January 15, 2015.

⁴ Docket No. R2015-4, Order on Price Adjustments for Special Services Products and Related Mail Classification Changes, March 10, 2015, at 12 (Order No. 2388).

⁵ Notice of the United States Postal Service of New Implementation Date for Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, April 20, 2015; see *also* Docket Nos. R2015-4 and CP2015-33, Notice of the United States Postal Service of Delayed Implementation of First-Class Mail, Special Services, and Competitive Prices, March 31, 2015.

It is ordered:

The proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule as described in the body of this Order will be implemented May 31, 2015. The appropriate language will be added to the Mail Classification Schedule.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

CHANGES TO THE MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

The following material represents a change to the Mail Classification Schedule. The Commission uses two main conventions when making changes to the Mail Classification Schedule. New text is underlined. Deleted text is struck through.

*Domestic Products
Priority Mail Express*

Part B—Competitive Products

2105

Priority Mail Express

2105.5

Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- **Ancillary Services (1505)**

- **Special Handling (1505.18)**

2110

Priority Mail

2110.5

Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)

○ ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

2115

Parcel Select

2115.5

Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)

○ ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

Domestic Products
First-Class Package Service

2125

First-Class Package Service

2125.5

Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)

~~○ Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~

2135

Standard Post

2135.5

Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Ancillary Services (1505)

○ ~~Restricted Delivery (1505.15)~~
